

respectfully asserts that the extent of any divergence between the claims is made in an effort to reflect the scope of Applicant's invention and does not constitute a claim to a separate invention. Consequently, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn and all pending claims should be examined together as all pending claims share a common point of patentability, can be searched in a single search, and the combined search does not constitute an undue burden on the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

Based on the comments above, Applicant respectfully requests that the imposed Restriction Requirement be withdrawn. Applicant respectfully submits that the division of claims ignores the patentable subject matter common to all pending claims. In the event the Examiner does not agree with the assessment provided above, the Applicant elects Invention I, encompassing claims 1-22, 70-73, 82, 85, 89-93, and 109-112, in order to further patent prosecution to issuance.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comment as to the form, content, or entry of this paper, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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